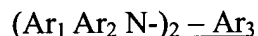


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** An organic electroluminescent composition comprising:

(1) a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine
represented by the following formula,



wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂ are independently monovalent aryl groups and at least one is a substituted or unsubstituted condensed ring structure, and Ar₃ is a divalent aryl group,

and containing

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A), and

1 wt% or less of compound (B),

compound (A) possessing one less nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1), and

compound (B) possessing one more nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1),

wherein when said organic electroluminescent composition is incorporated in a hole-transporting layer of an organic electro-luminescent element device, the operating time in which the initial luminescence attenuates 10% exceeds 100 hours in a ~~live~~ life test, wherein the life test is conducted on an electroluminescent element device in which the hole transporting layer consists of the aforementioned triarylamine and the luminescent layer consists of tris(8-quinolinato)aluminum by applying a direct current at a constant current density of 10 mA/cm².

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Previously Presented)** A composition for an organic electroluminescent elemental device as described in claim 1 wherein the triarylamine of (1) is N,N'-di(naphthalene-1-yl)-N,N'-diphenylbenzidine.

5. **(Cancelled).**

6. **(Currently Amended)** An organic electroluminescent elemental device wherein an organic electroluminescent elemental composition is incorporated in a hole transporting layer of the device, said organic electroluminescent composition comprising:

(1) a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine represented by the following formula,



wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂ are independently monovalent aryl groups and at least one is a substituted or unsubstituted condensed ring structure, and Ar₃ is a divalent aryl group,

and containing

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A), and

1 wt% or less of compound (B),

compound (A) possessing one less nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1), and

compound (B) possessing one more nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1),

wherein the operating time in which the initial luminescence attenuates 10% exceeds 100 hours in a ~~live~~ life test, wherein the life test is conducted on an electroluminescent element device in which the hole transporting layer consists of the aforementioned triarylamine and the luminescent layer consists of tris(8-quinolino)aluminum by applying a direct current at a constant current density of 10 mA/cm².

7. **(Currently Amended)** An organic electroluminescent composition comprising:

(1) a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine represented by the following formula,



wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂ are independently monovalent aryl groups and at least one is a substituted or unsubstituted condensed ring structure, and Ar₃ is a divalent aryl group,

containing

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A), and

1 wt% or less of compound (B),

compound (A) possessing one less nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1), and

compound (B) possessing one more nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1), which composition is prepared by a process comprising

purifying by sublimation or distillation the triarylamine of (1) obtained by the reaction of a haloaryl compound containing one or more halogen atoms in the aromatic ring with an aryl amine in the presence of a catalyst until the triarylamine contains 0.5 wt% or less of compound (A) and 1 wt% or less of compound (B),

wherein when said organic electroluminescent composition is incorporated in a hole-transporting layer of an organic electro-luminescent element device, the operating time in which the initial luminescence attenuates 10% exceeds 100 hours in a live life test, wherein the life test is conducted on an electro-luminescent element device in which the hole transporting layer consists of the aforementioned triarylamine and the luminescent layer consists of tris(8-quinolinato) aluminum by applying a direct current at a constant current density of 10 mA/cm².

8. **(Currently Amended)** An organic electroluminescent composition for an organic electroluminescent elemental device, comprising:

(1) a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine represented by the following formula,



wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂ are independently monovalent aryl groups and at least one is a substituted or unsubstituted condensed ring structure, and Ar₃ is a divalent aryl group,

containing

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A), and

1 wt% or less of compound (B),

compound (A) possessing one less nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1), and

compound (B) possessing one more nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1).

9. **(Currently Amended)** The organic electroluminescent composition according to claim 8, wherein when said organic electroluminescent composition is incorporated in a hole-transporting layer of an organic electroluminescent element device, the operating time in which the initial luminescence attenuates 10% exceeds 100 hours in a ~~live~~ life test, wherein the life test is conducted on an electroluminescent element device in which the hole transporting layer consists of the aforementioned triarylamine and the luminescent layer consists of tris(8-quinolinato)aluminum by applying a direct current at a constant current density of 10 mA/cm².

10. **(Previously Presented)** A method for preparing the organic electroluminescent composition according to claim 8, comprising

purifying by sublimation or distillation the triarylamine of (1) obtained by the reaction of a haloaryl compound containing one or more halogen atoms in the aromatic ring with an aryl amine in the presence of a catalyst until the triarylamine of (1) contains

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A), and

1 wt% or less of compound (B).

11. **(New)** A composition for an organic electroluminescent elemental device as described in claim 1, wherein Ar₁ is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, Ar₂ is a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic condensed ring having 2 or 3 rings.

12. **(New)** A composition for an organic electroluminescent elemental device as described in claim 1, wherein Ar₁ is phenyl, Ar₂ is naphthyl, phenanthlyl or anthranyl and Ar₃ is 1,4-phenylene or 4,4'-biphenylene.